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Dr. Robert J. Heaney
Environmental Affairs
Kennecott Minerals Company
P.O. Box 11248
Salt Lake City, Utah 84147

RE: Bingham Canyon Mine
ACT/035/002
Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Dr. Heaney:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is in receipt of a copy of a letter to you from the Division of Environmental Health dated September 30, 1981, referencing the Bingham Tunnel discharge. The letter requested that Kennecott submit an implementation plan to study and achieve State effluent and water quality standards by November 2, 1981.

Since one of the objectives of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act is "to minimize or prevent present and future on-site or off-site environmental degradation caused by mining operations to the ecologic and hydrologic regimes and to meet other pertinent state and federal regulations regarding air and water quality standards and health and safety criteria", the Division would request that Kennecott also submit a copy of any such plan to this office for incorporation as an addendum to the currently approved mining and reclamation plan. This will enable our office to keep its files on the Bingham Canyon Mine current and complete.

Should you have any concerns relative to this request please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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cc: Steve McNeal, Water Pollution Control

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